ambit by identifying them as "National Rivers" to tap their potential for hydro-power and irrigation;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry's proposal has been considered by Government; and

(c) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is no proposal to bring any river under Central ambit by identifying it as National River. Government has already enacted Inter-State Water Dispute Act in 1956 for adjudication of water disputes and amended the same in 2002 for time bound adjudication of the disputes and the Act is now called Inter State River Water Dispute Act, 1956.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of above.

Damage to water bodies

96. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the damage caused to the traditional inland water bodies like tanks and ponds due to neglect throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the steps being taken by Government to revitalize them; and

(c) whether Government would formulate a National Policy for revitalizing the inland water bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per 3rd Minor Irrigation Census, some of the Water Bodies/Tanks have fallen into disuse due to silting, poor maintenance, encroachment, etc.

(b) Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India approved a Pilot Scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies directly linked to agriculture during 2004-05 in 15 States. Under the scheme, the Government has approved 1098 Water Bodies for 26 district projects in 15 States at an estimated cost of Rs. 299.92 crore. Some States have also taken up projects for restoration of water bodies with World Bank assistance. The Ministry of Environment and Forest also sanctioned proposals for conservation of 52 Lakes at an estimated cost of Rs. 687.52 crore.

(c) The National Water Policy, 2002 has laid due emphasis on planning, development and management of water resources. The policy also states that the resources should be conserved and the availability augmented by various means which *inter alia* includeds modernization and rehabilitation of existing tanks.

Funds allocated under Accelerated Irrigation Programme

†97. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have allocated Rs. 125 crores under the Accelerated Irrigation Programme during the year 2007-08;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission had allocated the same amount under the above mentioned programme during the year 2006-07;

(c) whether the Central Water Commission have released Rs. 100.26 crore against the allocation for the year 2006-07 and directed to adjust this amount against the allocated funds of the year 2007-08; and

(d) the basis of deduction in sanctioned amount and its adjustment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The releases under AIBP are regulated by the State-wise ceilings of grant for Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) fixed by the Planning Commission. For the year 2007-08, initial ceiling proposed by the Planning Commission for Rajasthan was of Rs. 125 crore which was subsequently revised to Rs. 250 crore.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Finance released Rs. 100.26 crore as AIBP grant for the State of Rajasthan on 9th April, 2007 for the AIBP proposals of State for the year 2006-07. Since the grant was released during the year 2007-07, the same is adjustable against the grant ceiling for the year 2007-08. However, as stated above, the Planning Commission has subsequently raised the grant ceiling under AIBP for the Rajasthan to Rs. 250 crore resulting in available balance amount of ceiling of Rs. 149.74 crore for release during 2007-08.

PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLE 356 OF THE CONSTITUTION

I. Proclamation by President (3.1.08) under article 356 of the Constitution and related papers.

II. Various Reports (2007) of the Governor of Nagaland regarding Proclamation by President.

डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदय, ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री कमाल अख्तर (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, ...(व्यवधान)...

प्रो॰ राम देव भंडारी (बिहार): सर, ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति: पेपर्स ले करने दीजिए ...(व्यवधान)...

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माणिक राव गावित): महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं:

I. Proclamation [G.S.R. No. 10(E)], issued by the President on the 3rd January, 2008, under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Nagaland, under clause (3) of the said article. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8094/08]

(ii) Order [G.S.R. No. 11(E)], dated the 3rd January, 2008, made by the President under sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of the above Proclamation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 8095/08]